

IC 9-18-13

Chapter 13. Recovery Vehicle Registration

IC 9-18-13-1

License plates; design and issuance

Sec. 1. The bureau shall design and issue a license plate that will designate a registered vehicle as a recovery vehicle.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.6.

IC 9-18-13-2

Transport operator plates; display

Sec. 2. A vehicle registered as a recovery vehicle is not required to display a transport operator license plate on either:

- (1) the recovery vehicle; or
- (2) the vehicle being towed by the recovery vehicle.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.6.

IC 9-18-13-3

Registration; qualifications; highway operation

Sec. 3. (a) To qualify for registration as a recovery vehicle, a vehicle must be:

- (1) capable of lifting and pulling a disabled, a wrecked, an abandoned, an improperly parked, or a burnt vehicle by attaching a pickup bar with an adequate chain or steel structured lifting apparatus to the vehicle in lift;
- (2) equipped with a power driven winch;
- (3) equipped with proper emergency lighting for the recovery vehicle and the vehicle in lift;
- (4) capable of attaching safety chains on the vehicle in lift; and
- (5) capable of traveling the highways safely at least at the minimum speed limit.

(b) A vehicle that meets the qualifications listed in subsection (a) must be registered as a recovery vehicle under this chapter to operate on a highway.

(c) A person may not operate a vehicle:

- (1) that has the qualifications listed in subsection (a);
- (2) that is not registered under this chapter as a recovery vehicle; and
- (3) on a highway.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.6.

IC 9-18-13-4

Financial responsibility

Sec. 4. (a) A person who operates a recovery vehicle must meet the minimum standards for financial responsibility that are set forth in IC 9-25.

(b) A recovery vehicle may be registered only if proof of financial responsibility in amounts required under IC 9-25 is produced at the time of registration. The bureau shall retain a record of that proof in the bureau's files.

(c) The bureau may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to carry out this section.

(d) A person may not operate a recovery vehicle on a highway in violation of this section.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.6.

IC 9-18-13-5

Exemption of certain vehicles

Sec. 5. A truck registered as a vehicle having a declared gross weight greater than sixteen thousand (16,000) pounds, or a tractor having a declared gross weight greater than twenty thousand (20,000) pounds, that is owned by a person and used to lift or pull a vehicle or combination of vehicles is exempt from this chapter if the vehicle or combination of vehicles being pulled are:

- (1) owned by the same person who owns or operates the truck or tractor used as the pulling vehicle;
- (2) leased by the same person who owns or operates the truck or tractor used as the pulling vehicle; or
- (3) owned or leased to a subsidiary or other related corporation of the person owning or operating the truck or tractor used as the pulling vehicle.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.6.

IC 9-18-13-6

International Registration Plan registration

Sec. 6. A recovery vehicle registered under this chapter may be registered under the International Registration Plan and be issued an apportioned license plate.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.6.

IC 9-18-13-7

Operation of unqualified vehicle

Sec. 7. A person may not operate a vehicle:

- (1) that is not qualified to register as a recovery vehicle under this chapter;
- (2) for the purpose of lifting and pulling:
 - (A) a disabled;
 - (B) a wrecked;
 - (C) an abandoned;
 - (D) an improperly parked; or
 - (E) a burnt vehicle; and
- (3) on a highway.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.6.

IC 9-18-13-8

Registration and highway operation violations; infraction; detention of vehicle

Sec. 8. (a) A person who violates section 3 of this chapter commits a Class C infraction.

- (b) A vehicle that is:

(1) in violation of section 3 of this chapter; and
(2) used on a highway to tow a disabled or an improperly parked vehicle;
shall be detained by the law enforcement officer until the person who owns the recovery vehicle shows the law enforcement officer proof of proper registration.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.6.

IC 9-18-13-9

Financial responsibility violations; infraction

Sec. 9. A person who violates section 4 of this chapter commits a Class C misdemeanor.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.6.

IC 9-18-13-10

Operation of unqualified vehicle violations; infraction

Sec. 10. A person who violates section 7 of this chapter commits a Class C infraction.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.6.